

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 28, 2009. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 42 and canceled claims 17 and 18. Claims 1-16, 19-21, 24, and 42-47 are pending. Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 37 CFR 1.7 (c) as being of improper dependent form. By this Amendment, claims 17 and 18 have been canceled. Withdrawal of this objection is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-21, 24, and 42-47 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1-21, 24 and 42-47 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 42 as suggested by the Examiner for purposes of clarification. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-21, 24, and 42-47, as amended, satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION

All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778.

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